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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-41.   (Canceled)

42.   (Currently Amended) A method for screening a compound to determine its ability to alter the amount of an Aβ (x-≥ 41) peptide in a cerebral spinal fluid sample comprising:

measuring a first amount of one or more soluble Aβ (x-≥ 41) peptides in the cerebral spinal fluid sample of a non-human animal model that expresses amyloid-β precursor protein (APP) in the brain and processes it to the one or more soluble Aβ peptides;

administering the compound to the non-human animal model;

measuring a second amount of the one or more soluble Aβ peptides in the cerebral spinal fluid sample of the non-human animal model; and

comparing the first amount with the second amount,

the difference indicating whether the compound increases, decreases, or leaves unchanged the amount of soluble Aβ (x-≥ 41) in the cerebral spinal fluid sample, wherein the amount of Aβ(x-≥ 41) is measured by exposing the cerebral spinal fluid to an antibody or fragment thereof specific for an epitope of Aβ(x-≥ 41) but that does not cross react with an epitope of Aβ(x-≤40).

43.   (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 42~~claim 42, wherein the non-human animal model is a rodent model.

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44.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~claim 43~~claim 43, wherein the rodent model is a mouse model.

45.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~claim 42~~claim 42, wherein the non-human animal model is a transgenic animal model having an expression cassette that drives the expression of a sequence which encodes the Swedish mutation of an APP gene.

46.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~claim 45~~claim 45, wherein the non-human animal model is a rodent model.

47.   (Canceled)

48.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~claim 42~~claim 42, wherein $A\beta(x\text{-}\geq 41)$ is $A\beta$ $(x\text{-}42)$.

49-50. (Canceled)

51.   (New) The method of claim 42, wherein antibody or fragment thereof is an antibody recognizing an epitope on $A\beta$ having amino acid residues 33-42.

52.   (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof is an antibody that will specifically bind to $A\beta$ $(x\text{-}\geq 41)$.

53.   (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof is an antibody that will specifically bind to $A\beta$ $(x\text{-}\geq 42)$.

54.   (New) The method of claim 51, wherein the antibody or fragment thereof is an antibody that will specifically bind to $A\beta$ $(x\text{-}\geq 43)$.